

Coaches Spotlight

MEET COACH KEVIN STADELMAIER '94

Head Coach, Varsity Maroon Hockey

Q: What do you do outside of coaching?

A: I am an attorney and the head of the criminal division at the Erie County Assigned Counsel Program. We assign criminal defense attorneys to persons who cannot afford them and then assist the representing attorneys with those cases. In 2026, I will be the President of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Q: What are your goals for the team this season, and what challenges do you anticipate?

A: We're likely replacing a terrific core, mostly forwards. That always presents a major challenge. Fortunately, we have several returning players, including a group of extremely talented junior defensemen and a senior defenseman who has been with me for three years.

Our goals, as always, are two-fold. First, to give the young men on our team the best possible St. Joe's Hockey experience available. VarMar isn't just a team. It's a family. Second, to bring home a championship for our Seniors. We'll be making every effort to achieve both goals this season.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your coaching style and why?

A: My father, Jim Stadelmaier, was my first coach (in baseball). His enthusiasm, willingness to teach and knowledge of the sports he coached were infectious. He was often more excited than the players during games and that absolutely affected the way I comport myself behind the bench. Beyond that, I've adopted his patient teaching style and straightforward delivery in my coaching.

Special mention should also be made of Dennis Gawron '87 and Sean Elliott '97, the two coaches who brought me into St. Joe's Hockey family and taught me much more about hockey than I ever thought I'd learn.

Q: When you're not coaching, how do you like to spend your free time?

A: I'm an avid golfer during the spring and summer, playing mostly at River Oaks in Grand Island. During the winter months, when I'm not coaching, I spend a lot of time working and spending time with my family.

Q: What's one fun fact about you that people might not know?

A: I love to cook. Preparing and enjoying good food for and with friends/family is one of my greatest pleasures.